



URBAN RENEWAL BOARD
DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
January 14, 2019

The Urban Renewal Board convened the regular meeting on Monday January 14, 2019, at the Street-Jones Building, 1000 East 11th Street, Room 200A, Austin TX.

Chair Babb called the Board Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Joe Babb, Chair
Maegan Ellis, Vice-Chair
Roxanne Evans
Manuel Escobar

Board Members Absent

Nathaniel Bradford

Staff in Attendance:

Sandra Harkins

PURPOSE: The Board of Commissioners primary responsibility is to oversee the implementation and compliance of approved Urban Renewal Plans that are adopted by the Austin City Council. An Urban Renewal Plan's primary purpose is to eliminate slum and blighting influence within a designated area of the city.

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – – Approval of the January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. **The motion to approve the January 14, 2019, regular meeting minutes with corrections, was made by Vice-Chair Ellis, seconded by Commissioner Escobar and approved on a 4-0-0 vote.**
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL** (The first 5 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns. This is the opportunity for visitors and guests to address the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Austin (Agency) on any issue. The Agency may not debate any non-agenda issue, nor may any action be taken on any non-agenda issue at this time however the Agency may present any factual response to items brought up by citizens. (Attorney General Opinion – JC-0169) (Limit of three minutes each).

None

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action to develop performance measures as identified by Council in Ordinance No 20181213-101 to present to the City Manager that will allow the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Urban Renewal Plan and the Urban Renewal Agency. **A motion to create the Urban Renewal Plan Implementation Committee to develop performance measures, strategies and goals to evaluate the effectiveness of the Urban Renewal Plan with the appointment of Vice-Chair Ellis, Commissioner Escobar and Commissioner Evans to the committee, was made by Chair Babb and seconded by Vice-Chair Ellis and approved on a 4-0-0 vote. Chair Babb appointed Vice-Chair Ellis to serve as Committee Chair.**
- b. Discussion and possible action to engender engagement with stakeholders and community groups to develop strategies to effectively implement the Economic Opportunity and Affordability section of the City's Strategic Plan.
A motion to create the Stakeholder Engagement Working Group was made by Vice-Chair Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved on a 4-0-0 vote.
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding the following:
 - i. Presentation on renovation and reuse plans for the property at 1315 East 12th Street
 - ii. Presentation on the status of the property at 1416 East 12th Street (IQ Hurdle House)

A motion for staff to prepare a letter for the Urban Renewal Board to consider at their next Board meeting, addressed to the Historic Landmark Commission, stating the Urban Renewal Board's strong preference for current historic landmarks, potential or recommended historic landmarks within the boundaries of the East 11th and 12th Street Urban Renewal Plan to be renovated in their current location and not be moved, was made by Commissioner Escobar and seconded by Vice-Chair Ellis and approved on a 4-0-0 vote.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action concerning the City of Austin Code Departments, Code Complaint issued for the property located at 1106 East 11th Street.
Sandra Harkins provided update. No action was taken.
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding the Urban Renewal Board's existing request for proposal scoring criteria and matrix to ensure consistency with the goals of the Urban Renewal Plan and how enforcement provisions may be implemented.
Staff presented draft community benefit criteria to the Board. Board discussed a need to facilitate a stakeholder meeting in January 2019, to seek input on community benefit criteria for Block's 16 and 18 Request for Proposals (RFP). No action was taken.

Chair Babb recessed the meeting for a break at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

- c. Update, discussion and possible action on the status of the pending East 11th and 12th Street Urban Renewal Plan Modifications and the amendment to the East 11th Street Neighborhood Conservation Combining District (NCCD) to parallel the structure of the current East 12th Street NCCD.

Sandra Harkins provided update. No action was taken

- d. Update, discussion and possible action regarding the developments at 1120 East 12th Street and 1322-1336 East 12th Street.

No action was taken.

5. Staff Update

None

NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Presentation on the activities being held at the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting ended at 7:14 p.m.